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Enclosed are minutes of the first meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, together with an agenda and attendance roster. These minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Task Force.

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Recording Secretary

Enclosures

KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD 23 JULY 1987, IN EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Introduction

Interim Chairman Wally Steucke convened the meeting and requested Task Force members to introduce themselves and describe their interest in Klamath fishery issues. Biographical sketches were requested from Task Force members, to be submitted to the Klamath Field Office for distribution to the Task Force and others.

Congressional Direction

The Chairman reviewed the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Klamath River Basin Fishery Restoration Act. He mentioned the interagency memorandum of agreement called for in Section 2 of the Klamath Act, and suggested the Task Force might wish to establish a work group to draft the MOA.

Operating Procedures

A suggested draft of operating procedures was distributed to the Task Force to assist them in developing final procedures as called for in Paragraph 4(f)(3) of the Klamath Act. Mr. Steucke asked the Task Force to review the draft operating procedures and submit comments to the Klamath Field Office for inclusion in a revised draft to be considered at the next Task Force meeting.

Later in the meeting, a motion was carried to elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson for one year terms, with individuals limited to no more than two consecutive terms. Upon expiration of the chairperson's final term, the vice chairperson would be elevated to chairperson.

There was general agreement that alternates representing Task Force members at meetings should be formally designated in writing, and that alternates should be eligible to vote. It was expressed that if appointed members are frequently absent from Task Force meetings, they should be replaced.

Operating procedures identified in this meeting will be included in a revised draft of procedures.

Funding and Program Development

Actions taken to date to implement the Klamath Act were identified. The Chairman stated that restoration activities called for by Section 2 of the Klamath Act will probably not get Federal funding before Fiscal Year 1989, beginning in October 1988. Administrative costs, such as support of the Task Force, will be met in Fiscal Years 1987 and 1988 by re-allocating funds within the Department of the Interior (DOI). Non-Federal matching contributions could probably be employed in Fiscal Year 1988, however. Mr. Steucke suggested the Task Force develop Restoration Program options for total funding of 0.5, 1.0, and 1.5 million dollars in order to be prepared for whatever combination of Federal and non-Federal contributions may be provided.

Klamath Fisheries Resource Plan/Existing Fishery Programs in Klamath Basin

Copies of this plan were distributed to the Task Force. The Chairman pointed out that the Klamath Plan calls for expenditure of \$73 million, while the Klamath Act authorizes only \$21 million of Federal expenditure, with equal non-Federal contribution. Furthermore, some of the actions called for in the Klamath Plan have already been implemented, while others may no longer be

appropriate. In summary, considerable planning of the Restoration Program remains to be done.

The Chairman noted the need for an inventory of fishery restoration projects and studies in the Klamath Basin, and requested Task Force members to describe projects their agencies have undertaken.

Dick Ober provided slides of habitat restoration projects of the Klamath National Forest. Klamath NFH has placed over 700 structures in streams for fish habitat improvement. The Kelsey Creek spawning and rearing channel for chinook salmon was described. This is a cooperative project using construction funds from the State of California and the Forest Service, with State funding for operation. About 200,000 fall chinook smolts will be produced annually.

Mel Odemar described several programs of the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) that are underway in the Klamath Basin. These include: (i) The Klamath-Trinity Program using State and Federal Aid funding to estimate fall chinook spawning escapement, assess natural salmonid stocks, and gather other biological data. This program costs about \$1 million per year.

(ii) the SB400 Program, which funds a sonar fish-counting study in lower Klamath River.

(iii) The Proposition 19 Program, which will contribute about \$700,000 this year to fish restoration projects in the Klamath and Trinity Basins. About half of this funding goes to the Forest Service.

Other State programs include the Bosco-Keene and Salmon Stamp programs. Mr. Odemar noted that the above programs are generally consistent with the Klamath Plan, and are appropriate as non-Federal contributions to the Klamath Restoration Program. He explained that State funds are in many cases earmarked for construction projects and cannot be used for studies. He expressed a wish that monitoring and assessment be emphasized in the Klamath Restoration Program.

Mike Orcutt described Hoopa Tribe efforts to renovate the Tribal hatchery and to operate rearing projects in several tributaries, using various funding sources. Habitat restoration has been carried out on Supply Creek, using State funds.

George Thackeray mentioned that Resource Conservation Districts in Klamath Basin may construct habitat restoration projects in tributary streams.

Net Bingham described the Salmon Stamp program, financed by the commercial salmon fishing industry in California. This program has invested in fish ladder improvements at Iron Gate Hatchery, diversion screens along Shasta River, habitat improvement in Bogus Creek, and other Klamath Basin fish projects.

Ronnie Pierce described salmon projects funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the California Department of Fish and Game in the lower Klamath area. Native late run fall chinook broodstock are used, since many tributary streams are inaccessible to fish at low flows in early fall.

Jim Smith described development of the Trinity River Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program. A three-year action plan is being completed for the Trinity program.

Keith Wilkinson described the Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program in Oregon, which uses volunteer efforts under professional guidance from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Non-Federal Contributions

Considerable discussion was devoted to the problem of stimulating new non-Federal contributions to fishery restoration - rather than relabeling old projects - while giving proper credit to non-Federal projects that are already underway but are consistent with the Klamath Fisheries Resource Plan. There seemed to be agreement that status as a matching non-Federal contribution should be determined on a project-by-project basis, rather than disqualifying all projects underway before some arbitrary date.

A motion was carried requesting the Fish and Wildlife Service to continue drafting a proposed rulemaking on qualifications for non-Federal contributions and volunteer services to the Restoration Program. A review draft will be provided to the Task Force, with the objective of reaching agreement on cost-sharing before the Fiscal Year 1989 budget is completed this winter.

Subcommittees

The Chairman requested comments on the need for subcommittees, and tasks they might be assigned. Mr. Odeman proposed that a work group be assigned to inventory active fish restoration projects in Klamath Basin. It was agreed that the Fish and Wildlife Service should undertake the task of contacting agencies that might have such projects, compiling the information, and providing it to the Task Force for use in developing a work plan for Fiscal Year 1989. Such a work plan should be ready by about mid-November 1987 in order for it to be useful as support for the budget.

Next Meeting

It was agreed the Task Force will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at 9 a.m. Meeting place will be the Klamath National Forest headquarters in Yreka. The Fish and Wildlife Service will attempt to reserve a bloc of motel rooms. Principal agenda items will be: Election of a chairperson; review of draft standards for non-Federal contributions; review of an inventory of ongoing fishery restoration work in Klamath Basin; and establishment of work group(s) to work on plan of action. The Forest Service and California Department of Fish and Game will arrange a field trip on September 23 to chinook spawning areas in Shasta River.

Election of Chairperson

Mr. Steucke was asked to remain as interim chairman until the next meeting.

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER, MEETING OF 23 JULY 1987

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING:</u>
Nat Bingham Don De Vol	California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry Del Norte County
Rod McInnis Dick Ober Mel Odemar	National Marine Fisheries Service Department of Agriculture California Department of Fish and Game
Mike Orcutt	Hoopla Indian Tribe
Ronnie Pierce	Humboldt County
Phil Schafer Jim Smith Wally Steucke	California In-river sport fishing community Trinity County Department of the Interior
George Thackeray	Siskiyou County
Keith Wilkinson	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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AGENDA

July 23, 1987 - A.M. Session

9:00 - Meeting convened - Opening remarks and introductions.

9:30 - Review of Congressional direction to the Task Force in the Act; review of the Task Force Charter; summary of actions taken to date by Department of the Interior to implement the Act.

10:00 - Discussion of operating procedures for the Task Force; Task Force action on operating procedures.

P.M. Session

1:00 - Status report on funding and development of the Program.

1:30 - Summarize findings of the Klamath Fisheries Resource Plan. Identify action items from the Plan that are completed or underway.

2:00 - Discussion of how P.L.99-552 actions might best fit with Trinity Restoration Program and other ongoing fishery restoration efforts in Klamath Basin/

2:30 - Discussion of state and local contributions as called for by The Act.

3:00 - Election of officers, appointment of committees, and work assignments.

4:00 - Meeting adjournment.